

## ORDINANCE

### ROBERTO “BOBBY” HERRERA HONORARY STREET SIGN

WHEREAS, The Pilsen community has lost a great leader and Chicago Fire Department veteran of 30 years.

WHEREAS Husband of Patricia (nee Arellano) and loving father of Roberto Herrera III, Fabian I. Herrera, and Bianca Y. Herrera. Cherished son of Baudelia M. Herrera and the late Roberto M. Herrera. “Bobby” set an extraordinary standard of love, civic responsibility, work ethic and commitment to the betterment of humanity. He was an inspiration to all who knew him.

WHEREAS The second of six children and dearest brother to Martha, Patty, Berta, Gloria, and Carlos. He was an uncle, cousin, and friend to many and all who knew him.

WHEREAS Roberto was a dedicated, loved and a respected 30-year Chicago Fireman of Truck 32, “Bomberos Mexicanos” stationed in Little Village. He retired in 2016 and never stopped advocating for firefighters as well as the Pilsen and Little Village community.

WHEREAS Born and raised in Pilsen, “Bobby” expressed his devotion and faith as a parishioner of St. Pius Catholic Church. He attended Jungman Elementary and graduated from Benito Juarez High School.

WHEREAS Building on his legacy of service and community, “Bobby” mentored and coached soccer for 18 years under Jalisco F.C in one of the most popular Latino leagues in Chicago; CLASA. His passion for soccer was matched with the passion to touch the lives of many, especially the kids and youth that he coached.

WHEREAS From making custom helmet shields for his fellow firefighters, and jamming out to House Music, Bobby had many talents. He had a wide array of interests that included working on cars/machinery, listening to music (especially Javier Solis to remember his father), and working with upholstery to pass the time.

WHEREAS “Bobby” was a devoted family man, a veteran firefighter who risked his own life to save others throughout Chicago. He was and will continue to be an example of true public service, because of his love, care, and generosity for others. While he will be deeply missed, his inspiring legacy will live on in those who knew him; now and forever.

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here today, do hereby acknowledge Roberto “Bobby” Herrera’s achievements and many years of service, and extend our most heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CHICAGO:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Municipal Code of Chicago,

Which allows erection of honorary street name designations, the Commissioner of the

Chicago Department of Transportation shall take the necessary action for the standardization of W. Carpenter St between W. 18<sup>th</sup> St and W 19<sup>th</sup> St as “Honorary Roberto “Bobby” Herrera”.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.



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Office of Budget and Management  
121 N. LaSalle St, Room 604  
Chicago, IL 60602

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Byron Sigcho-Lopez, Alderman of the 25<sup>th</sup> Ward, hereby authorize the Office of Budget and Management to withdraw the funds associated with the cost of installation for this honorary street designation for Honorary "Roberto "Bobby" Herrera" from my:

\_\_\_ Ward's annual menu program budget

\_\_\_ Ward's aldermanic expense allowance

Upon passage of this honorary street designation ordinance, pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Municipal Code of Chicago.

Sincerely,

Byron Sigcho-Lopez  
Alderman, 25<sup>th</sup> Ward